

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1–14 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent 5,898,457 to Nagao et al. in view of US patent 6,683,993 to Mead.

The rejection is respectfully traversed. With respect to claim 1, neither Nagao, nor Mead, either singly or in combination teaches that a “low bandwidth output includes an abstract representational communication” as recited in that claim. The Examiner has previously noted that Nagao does not teach “said low bandwidth output includes an abstract representational communication.” Mead describes an output to “**preserve** the content integrity of the signal” (col. 1, lines 39-51) (emphasis added). An “abstract representational communication,” as recited in claim 1, replaces at least some content with an abstraction of that content. An output that preserves the content integrity of a signal, as taught by Mead, is not one that replaces at least some content with an abstract representation of at least some content, as recited in claim 1. As such, claim 1 is believed to be allowable.

Claims 2-14 depend from claim 1 and are believed to be allowable for the same reasons described above.

Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested based on the preceding remarks. If at any time the Examiner believes that an interview would be helpful, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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